[Mr. A. S. Damodaran Asan.]

in view of the information noted in answer to question No. 249, asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 24th April 1929 (Council Proceedings, Vol. XIV, page 441)?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No; the work has to wait for some time more in view of more urgent demands.

Haripad-Viyapuram Road.

19. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Karthikapalli*): (1) Are the Government aware that the Dewan has stated in his reply to a representation at the 24th Session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly that an estimate for the metalling of the Haripad-Viyapuram road has been called for by the Chief Engineer (*vide* page 87 of the Proceedings of the 24th Session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly)?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the estimate referred to in part (1) has been prepared and submitted to them; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether they have considered the matter in the light of the answer given to the question *re* Haripad-Viyapuram road asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 24th April 1929 (*vide* Council Proceedings, Vol. XIV, page 428)?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) Yes.

(2) (*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Karthikapalli*): May I know the date on which the Chief Engineer sent his estimate for the Haripad-Viyapuram road?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The exact date is not there.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Karthikapalli*): Was the estimate called for before the 24th Session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly, as stated in the answer?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Karthikapalli*): Is there any explanation why the estimate has not been submitted even after two years?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Subsequently, a report did come from the Chief Engineer, and, on a consideration of the question, Government decided that, in view of the prohibitive cost of the work, it should lie over for the present.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Karthikapalli*): May I know what was the cost, as stated in the estimate?

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That is the report of the Chief Engineer, and Government accepted it. The work is not to be abandoned altogether, only it should lie over for the present.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Does the Chief Engineer state the amount of expenditure involved?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That information is not here, the exact amount.

Road connecting the Mavelikara-Pandalam Road with the Kayankulam-Adur Road.

20. MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether lands have been acquired by them under the Land Acquisition Regulation for the improvement of the road which runs from the 6th mile of the Mavelikara-Pandalam road to the 9th mile, 2nd furlong, of the Kayankulam-Adur road; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the dates of such acquisition, and the improvements effected after that?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

Kayankulam-Karipuzha Canal.

21. MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that the Kayankulam-Karipuzha canal is a very important water route for the people of Mavelikara and Tiruvalla taluks and for those living in the eastern half of the Kartikapalli taluk;

(*b*) whether they are aware that the people of the above places experience very great hardships in the summer season as many parts of the canal are in a silted up condition during that part of the year;

(*c*) whether the Public Works Department has brought this fact to their notice; and

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, the action taken by the Government to remove this hardship?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) and (*d*) It is reported that silting up occurs only at one place called Manattail and that the place is deepened and maintained properly every year.

Co-operation as a subject of study in Schools.

22. MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Registrar of Co-operative Societies has prepared a scheme for introducing 'Co-operation' as a subject of study in schools; and

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